

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

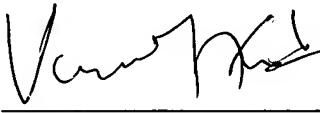
The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/US03/21145, international filing date of July 3, 2003, and U.S.S.N. 60/394,313 filed July 8, 2002.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 16-27, and 32-39 have been added. Claims 3-7, 10-15, 29-31 and 40-42 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 43 and 44 are newly added. No new matter is added.

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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